

December 12, 2000

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A  
VOLUNTARILY NEGOTIATED  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
COMPANY OF THE VOLUNTEER STATE, LLC.  
AND NUSTAR COMMUNICATIONS PURSUANT  
TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

## ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

The Agreement was considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on December 5, 2000, in Nashville, Tennessee before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr., and Director Melvin J. Malone. The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.* Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

- 1) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the Citizens service area;

2) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;

3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;

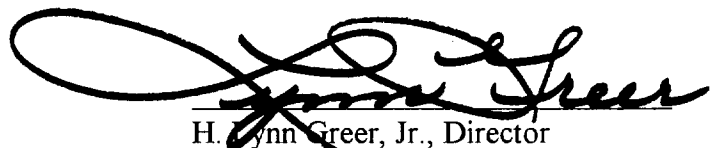
4) The approval of the Agreement is consistent with previous Authority decisions and orders; and

5) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.*

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**


The Interconnection Agreement negotiated by Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State, LLC and Nustar Communications is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

  
Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:

  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary